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SUBJECT: KOREAN OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA) REQUESTS
ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (OSHA)

REFERENCE: A) JUNE 29, AND JULY 26, 1977 LAMAZZA/
HARRIS LETTERS

B) JULY 14, 1977 HARRIS/LAMAZZA LETTER FROM
STATE

C) JULY 19, 1977 BISCHOFF/HARRIS LETTER

1. DOL RECEIVED COPIES OF REF CORRESPONDENCE INQUIRING
ABOUT TRAINING POSSIBILITIES IN DOL'S OSHA FOR KOREAN
OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS, PLUS A REQUEST THAT DOL EXPLORE
THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING AND CONDUCTING SAFETY OR
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OTHER TYPES OF SEMINARS FOR KOREAN OLA.

2. DOL HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT TRAINING IN THE U.S.
FOR OLA PERSONNEL CAN BE ARRANGED. ADDITIONAL INFO WILL
BE FORTHCOMING.

3. DOL HAS EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING

SEMINAR FOR OLA AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING SAFETY SEMINARS FOR OLA OR OTHER TYPES OF INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS IS HIGHLY FEASIBLE.

4. DOL HAS CONDUCTED SAFETY SEMINARS IN THE PHILIPPINES TAIWAN, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA AND GUATEMALA AS A MEANS OF ASSISTING THESE COUNTRIES IN ACHIEVING MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY EFFORTS.

5. THE ADVANTAGES OF SEMINARS, INTER ALIA, ARE:

A) U.S. EXPERTS IN THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FIELD LECTURE ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE U.S. EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY AND HEALTH.

B) DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS THE WAYS THEY MIGHT STRUCTURE THEIR SAFETY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM BENEFITS.

C) PROVIDE U.S. PERSONNEL A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF THE HOST COUNTRY IN SAFETY AND HEALTH FIELD, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS OF HOST COUNTRY IN OTHER LABOR-RELATED AREAS, AND HOW U.S. MIGHT ASSIST THE HOST COUNTRY IN THE FUTURE.

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D) LARGER AUDIENCE IS REACHED.

E) SEMINARS ARE PAID FOR OUT OF WASHINGTON FUNDS, AND OFFERED AT NO COST TO THE POST.

OUTLINES ON HOW THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF SAFETY SEMINARS MIGHT BE PRESENTED WILL BE AIR POUCHED WITH OTHER PROGRAM DETAILS.

6. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SEOUL AFTER RECEIPT OF MATERIALS EXPLORE WITH OLA THE POSSIBILITY OF DOL PREPARING AND CONDUCTING SEMINARS IN KOREA.

7. IF EMBASSY AND OLA IS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM, REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SEND DOL JUSTIFICATION THAT SEMINAR WOULD BE OF VALUE TO COUNTRY TEAM AND IN INTEREST OF U.S.

8. IF POST APPROVES SEMINARS FOR OLA, A DOL OFFICER WILL VISIT POST TO DESCRIBE PROGRAM IN DETAIL TO EMBASSY AND OLA OFFICIALS AND TO EXPLORE OLA'S PROGRAM NEEDS AND HOW WE CAN ASSIST.

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